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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2613–2620, and S. Con. Res. 67–68.

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Measures Passed:

United Nations-African Union Mission In Sudan: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 432, urging the international community to provide the United Nations-African Union Mission in Sudan with essential tactical and utility helicopters, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 67, establishing the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.

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Authorizing Use of Rotunda of Capitol: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 68, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies. Pages S820–21

Recognizing 50th Anniversary of NARAS: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 273, recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Measures Considered:

FISA Amendments Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 2248, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Rockefeller/Bond Amendment No. 3911, in the nature of a substitute. Page S805

Whitehouse Amendment No. 3920 (to Amendment No. 3911), to provide procedures for compliance reviews.

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Feingold Amendment No. 3979 (to Amendment No. 3911), to provide safeguards for communications involving persons inside the United States. Page S805

Feingold/Dodd Amendment No. 3912 (to Amendment No. 3911), to modify the requirements for certifications made prior to the initiation of certain acquisitions.

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Dodd Amendment No. 3907 (to Amendment No. 3911), to strike the provisions providing immunity from civil liability to electronic communication service providers for certain assistance provided to the Government.

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Bond/Rockefeller Modified Amendment No. 3938 (to Amendment No. 3911), to include prohibitions on the international proliferation of weapons of mass destruction in the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978.

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Feinstein Amendment No. 3910 (to Amendment No. 3911), to provide a statement of the exclusive means by which electronic surveillance and interception of certain communications may be conducted.

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Feinstein Amendment No. 3919 (to Amendment No. 3911), to provide for the review of certifications by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court.

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Specter/Whitehouse Amendment No. 3927 (to Amendment No. 3911), to provide for the substitution of the United States in certain civil actions.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Tuesday, February 12, 2008.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, Senate vote on the question of agreeing to the above-listed motion upon disposition of all amendments, and that the quorum under the rule be waived.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill at approximately 2 p.m. on Monday, February 11, 2008.

Messages from the House:

Measures Referred:

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 1:05 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 11, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S821.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 4 public bills, H.R. 5332–5335 were introduced. Page H818 Additional Cosponsors: Page H818

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Mitchell to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. French B. Harmon, First Baptist Church, Somerset, Kentucky.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea-and-Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:38 a.m. and adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.

Committee Meetings

SUDAN DIVESTMENT PRESIDENTIAL SIGNING STATEMENT

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled "Negative Implications of the President's Signing Statement on the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act." Testimony was heard from Frank T. Caprio, General Treasurer, State of Rhode Island; Patricia M. Wald, former Judge and Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit; and public witnesses.

U.S. LONG-TERM IRAQ COMMITMENT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight held a hearing on the November 26 Declaration of Principles: Implications for U.N. Resolutions

on Iraq and for Congressional Oversight. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FLORIDA 13TH DISTRICT CONTESTED ELECTION

Committee on House Administration: The Committee authorized and directed the Chairman to report to the full Committee that the Task Force has completed its investigation related to the election of a Representative from the 13th Congressional District of Florida to the House, and that the Chairman also report to the Committee the Task Force's recommendation that the election contest in the 13th District be dismissed.

Prior to this action, the Election Task Force held a briefing on the findings in the Investigation into the FL–13 Congressional District Contested Election. The Task Force was briefed by Nabajyoti Barkakati, Senior Level Technologist, Center for Technology and Engineering Applied Research and Methods, GAO.

MILITARY BASE REALIGNMENT CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement held a hearing on Military Base Realignment: Contracting Opportunities for Impacted Communities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Timothy Foreman, Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Secretary of the Navy; Tracey Pinson, Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Secretary of the Army; Luwanda W. Jenkins, Special Secretary, Governor's Office of Minority Affairs, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.